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PREVIOUSLY IN NEW AVENGERS

THE WORLD IN THE SKY, IS THIS-- WHATEVER THIS IS...IT'S YOUR DOING?

MY DOING?

YES, I AM A BLACK SWAN--

--BUT NO MAN OR WOMAN CAN SUMMON AN INCURSION. WE SIMPLY LIVE WITH THE LOSS AND GIVE THE GREAT DESTROYER HIS DUE.

TELL ME...IF I TOLD YOU I CAME HERE TO KILL A WORLD, WOULD YOU TRY TO STOP ME?

I WOULD DO MORE THAN TRY.

ONCE, THIS GODDESS SPOKE, AND I WAS GIVEN A PROPHECY.

A WORD SPOKEN IN FIRE AND FLOOD, A WORD OF DEAD KINGS AND HOPELESS CAUSES, OF THE FUTURE LOST AND WORLDS DYING. WHEN FACING THE END... WHEN EVERYTHING AROUND YOU CRUMBLES--WHEN EVERYTHING WITHERS AND DIES, WHO ANSWERS THE CALL OF DESPERATE MEN?

SAVE ME FROM WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO DO.

“IN SECRET, THEY RULE”

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MEMENTO MORI

THE ILLUMINATI

— HOLDERS OF THE INFINITY GEMS —

BLACK BOLT
Celestial Messiah

NAMOR
Imperius Rex
(THE POWER GEM)

REED RICHARDS
Universal Builder
(THE REALITY GEM)

IRON MAN
Master of Machines
(THE SPACE GEM)

CAPTAIN AMERICA
Hero of Legend
(THE TIME GEM)

DOCTOR STRANGE
Sorcerer Supreme
(THE SOUL GEM)

BLACK PANTHER
King of the Dead

PROFESSOR XAVIER
Deceased
(THE MIND GEM)

THREE HOURS AGO.
THE NECROPOLIS AT WAKANDA.

ENKI, PALASU ANNU QUPPU!

LAPAN ANNU WARDUM ANA SIMTIM ALAKU!

ENKI, PALAS--

CH-CHUNK

YOU MAKE TOO MUCH NOISE TO BE THE MAN WHO CAPTURED ME...

SHOULD I HOLD OUT HOPE THAT YOU ARE AN ANGEL, COME TO SET ME FREE?

I'M SORRY. NO.

MY NAME IS REED RICHARDS.

I'LL BE YOUR INTERROGATOR.

I DO NOT FEAR PAIN.

WELL...I DON'T BELIEVE YOU, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT MATTERS.

WHAT DOES MATTER, IS THAT I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN WHAT YOU KNOW--SO, IF YOU WANT, WE COULD *JUST TALK.*

BE-DOOP!

AND IN RETURN--AS A GESTURE OF GOOD FAITH...

...I COULD PRETEND THAT I CAN'T SEE--AND DON'T KNOW--WHAT THAT IS YOU'VE GOT HIDDEN AWAY INSIDE OF YOU.

SO WHY DON'T WE JUST TALK?

MY FRIEND--THE MAN WHO CAPTURED YOU YESTERDAY--TOLD ME YOU JUMPED HERE FROM ANOTHER WORLD...

THAT YOU ACCESSED SOME KIND OF DEVICE, AND THEN DESTROYED THE PLANET YOU CAME FROM.

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THAT WORLD WAS CALLED.

EARTH.

BUT SURELY A CLEVER MAN LIKE YOU KNEW THAT ALREADY.

THE DATA I'VE BEEN PROVIDED--THE FIRSTHAND ACCOUNT, YOUR BIOLOGY... *OTHER THINGS*--SUGGESTED THAT BEING A LIKELY CONCLUSION.

BUT TO *KNOW A THING* BEYOND DOUBT? NOTHING SO FAR, NOT EVEN YOUR WORDS, PROVIDES THAT ASSURANCE. AFTER ALL, YOU COULD BE DECEIVING ME...

WHY WOULD ANYONE DESTROY THEIR HOME?

I HAVE NO SUCH PLACE.

AS FOR THE PLANET'S DESTRUCTION... THE WHEEL DEMANDS ITS OFFERING.

AND THE GREAT DESTROYER ALWAYS GETS HIS DUE.

IF YOU SAY SO.

MY NOTES HERE ALSO SAY YOU KILLED YOUR COMPANION. WAS HE "AN OFFERING" ALSO? OR WAS IT SOMETHING MORE BASE...SOMETHING IN YOUR NATURE, PERHAPS?

IT'S CALLED MERCY. A MANIFOLD IS USELESS OUTSIDE ITS NATIVE UNIVERSE.

HIS DEATH WAS A GIFT, FOR THE WHEEL SHAMES THE WEAK.

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND, REED RICHARDS...

WHAT I DO--EVERYTHING I DO--I DO OUT OF NECESSITY.

SO WHY DON'T YOU SIMPLY ASK ME WHAT YOU WANT INSTEAD OF TRYING TO MANEUVER ME INTO THE CONVERSATION YOU WANT TO HAVE?

VERY WELL...

WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS, IF YOU CALL NO PLACE HOME--AND IF YOU NEED NO ONE--WHY DID THE SECURITY CAMERAS IN THIS ROOM CAPTURE YOU CRYING OUT FOR HELP, AND WEEPING IN YOUR SLEEP LAST NIGHT?

IS IT YOUR ACTIONS THAT HAUNT YOU, YOUNG LADY...OR IS IT *SOMETHING ELSE?*

IT *BREAKS HOPE*--IT *CRUSHES* WHAT MAKES US DECENT AND *STEALS* WHAT LITTLE HONOR REMAINS.

YOU HAVE... *NO IDEA* WHAT IS COMING.

WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME?

ONE HOUR AGO.

<ANYTHING?>*

<NO, MY LORD.>

<OPEN IT.>

<SIRE... I DON'T... I...>

*TRANSLATED FROM HAUSA.

<SPEAK FREELY, LITTLE MOTHER.>

<THE WALLS WERE BROKEN. BLOOD WAS SPILLED.>

<THOUSANDS OF WAKANDANS DIED, AND OUR NATION IS NOW AT WAR...>

<MY LORD... I FEAR FOR YOU.>

<YOU SHOULD LET THAT LITTLE FEAR DIE, AND IN ITS PLACE ALLOW SOMETHING MORE SINISTER TO GROW--FEAR FOR US ALL.>

<IF THE PEOPLE--IF THE *QUEEN*--FINDS OUT THAT WE HAVE ALLOWED... *THAT MAN* HERE...>

<AS FOR THE OTHER...I WILL LEAVE THE KEEPING OF SECRETS TO YOU, DORA MILAJE.>

T'CHALLA.

WHILE HERE, THERE ARE RULES YOU MUST ADHERE TO, NAMOR.

EXCEPT FOR ME, YOU ARE TO INTERACT WITH NO WAKANDANS. DO NOT ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE SEEN. IF SEEN, DO NOT SPEAK. AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE YOU TO VENTURE BEYOND THE NECROPOLIS AND INTO THE CITY.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

THIS MUST BE SO DIFFICULT FOR YOU.

IN SECRET, WE RULE.

I REMEMBER... YOU SAID A GATHERING SUCH AS THIS WAS A GREAT MISTAKE...YOU CALLED US FOOLS.

YOU SAID WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WE WERE DOING.

SO TELL ME, T'CHALLA, WERE YOU WRONG THEN...OR ARE YOU THAT DESPERATE NOW?

WHILE HERE, THERE ARE RULES YOU MUST ADHERE TO, NAMOR.

DO YOU... *UNDERSTAND?*

OF COURSE.

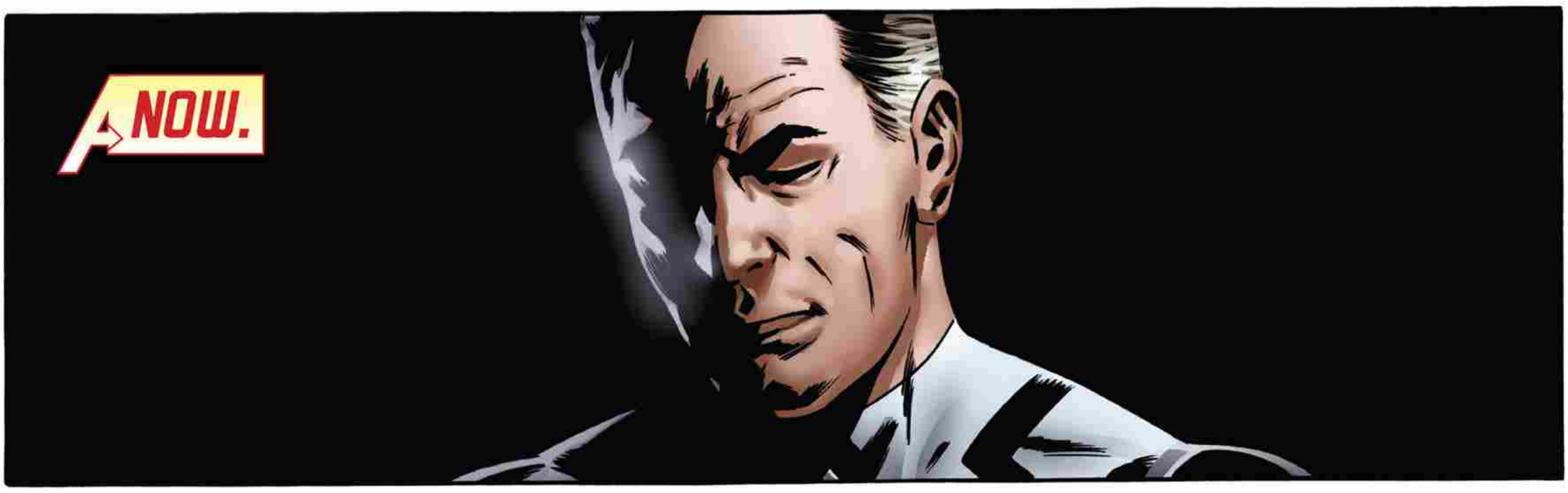
THEN IT'S TIME TO JOIN THE OTHERS.

BUT ONE LAST THING...

YOU HAVE THE BLOOD OF MY PEOPLE ON YOUR HANDS.

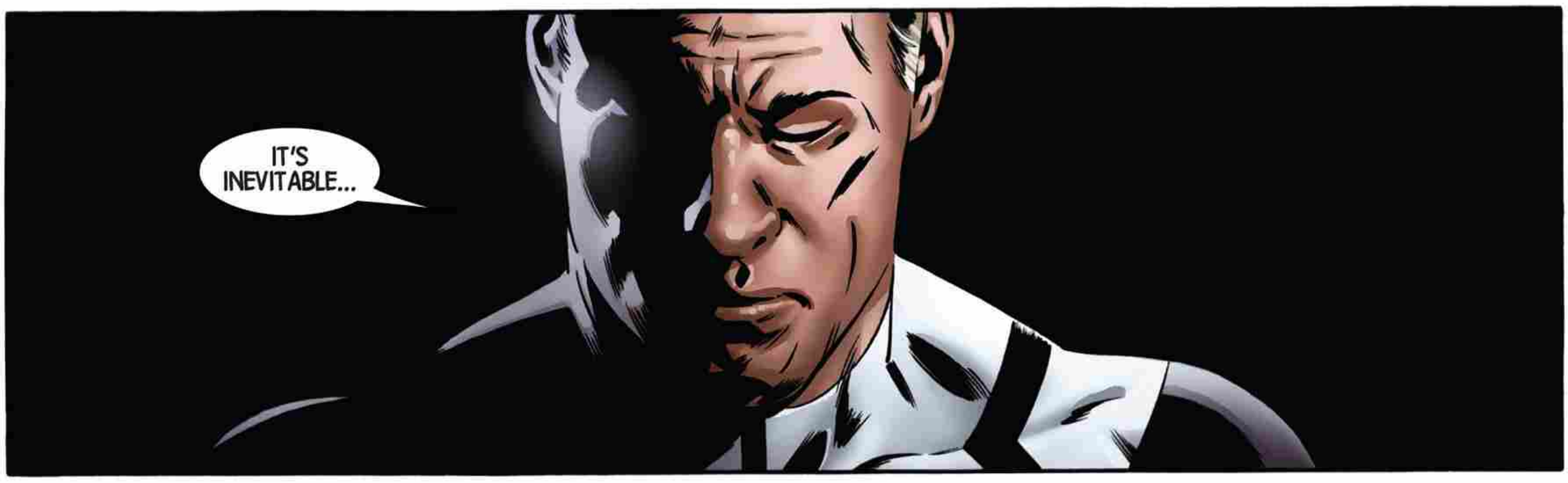
SO WHEN THIS IS DONE-- WHEN MY WANTS HAVE REPLACED MY NEEDS...

I'M GOING TO KILL YOU.


NOW.

EVERYTHING DIES.

YOU. ME. EVERYONE ON THIS PLANET.
OUR SUN. OUR GALAXY. AND, EVENTUALLY, THE UNIVERSE ITSELF.
THIS IS SIMPLY HOW THINGS ARE.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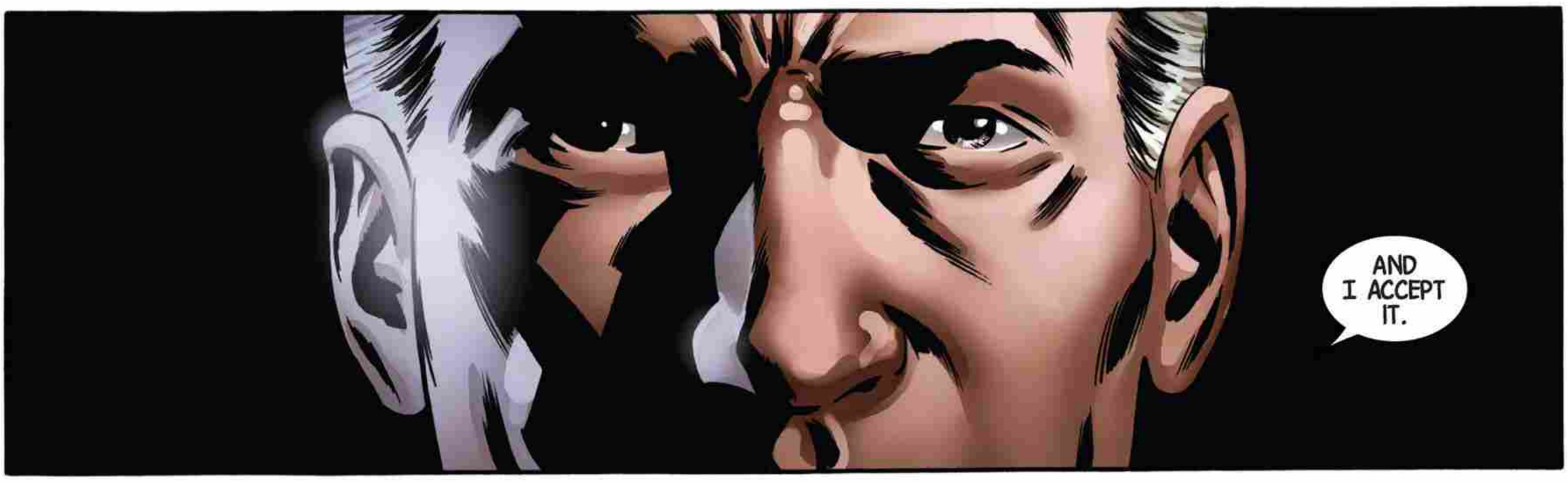

AND I ACCEPT IT.

WHAT I WILL NOT TOLERATE-- WHAT I FIND *UNACCEPTABLE*--IS THE UNNATURAL ACCELERATION OF THAT END.

WHICH IS WHY T'CHALLA SUMMONED US HERE...

AS THE UNTIMELY END OF EVERYTHING IS WHAT WE NOW FACE.

SEE, REED... THIS IS WHY YOU NEVER GET INVITED TO THE GOOD PARTIES.

MANY, MANY TIMES HAVE WE FACED THE WORLD'S END.

AND EACH TIME YOU REFUSED TO ANSWER OUR CALL--YOU REFUSED TO JOIN US...

WHAT MAKES THIS SO DIFFERENT, T'CHALLA?

THE FUTURE OF MY PEOPLE DIED IN MY ARMS YESTERDAY, STEPHEN.

WHAT FOLLOWED...IT DWARFED THAT.

THEN WHAT--

NO. BEFORE WE GET TO WHAT BROUGHT US HERE...

THERE ARE PRECAUTIONS THAT NEED TO BE TAKEN.

WE HAVE BEEN INFILTRATED BEFORE. PLAYED FOR FOOLS.

IF MATTERS ARE THIS GRAVE, I WOULD KNOW IF ONE OF YOU IS NOT WHO YOU SAY YOU ARE...

PROVE YOURSELVES.

NAMOR ISN'T WRONG.

I AGREE.

STEPHEN... TONY... WHERE ARE YOUR INFINITY GEMS?

BEYOND THE CHAOS REALM OF SHUMA-GORATH IS A POCKET REALITY CONSTRUCTED FROM THE PURE WHITE LIGHT OF ONE BILLION PRAYERS. I'VE HIDDEN THE *SOUL* GEM THERE...

RETRIEVING IT IS... *COSTLY.*

SO I ONLY DO SO IF I MUST.

AND I LEFT MINE IN MY SOCK DRAWER.

THREE'S ENOUGH FOR VERIFICATION. LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH...

BECAUSE I'M PRETTY ANXIOUS TO FIND OUT WHAT'S PUT THE FEAR OF GOD INTO THE TWO SMARTEST PEOPLE I KNOW.

MY NAME IS TONY STARK.

I AM IRON MAN.

CONFIRMED.

CONFIRMED.

CONFIRMED.

AND BLACK BOLT IS THE MIDNIGHT KING.

RULER OF THE INHUMANS.

CONFIRMED.
CONFIRMED.
CONFIRMED.

REED RICHARDS OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR.

CONFIRMED.
CONFIRMED.
CONFIRMED.

I AM DOCTOR STEPHEN STRANGE...POSSESSOR OF THE *ALL-SEEING EYE OF AGAMOTTO.*

CONFIRMED.
CONFIRMED.
CONFIRMED.

THAT YOU PEOPLE HAD THE INFINITY GEMS ONLY FURTHER CONFIRMS MY WORST FEARS ABOUT THIS GATHERING OF OURS.

I SEE A FUTURE FILLED WITH REGRET.

I AM T'CHALLA. THE BLACK PANTHER.

CONFIRMED.
CONFIRMED.
CONFIRMED.

I AM NAMOR, THE SUB-MARINER.

I REGRET... *NOTHING.*

CONFIRMED.
CONFIRMED.
CONFIRMED.

AND I'M STEVE ROGERS, CAPTAIN AMERICA.

CONFIRMED.
CONFIRMED.
CONFIRMED.

FANTASTIC.

AND AS WE'VE ALL BEEN BRIEFED ON WHAT HAPPENED TO T'CHALLA, PERHAPS SOMEONE COULD EXPLAIN WHAT IT ALL MEANS?

REED?

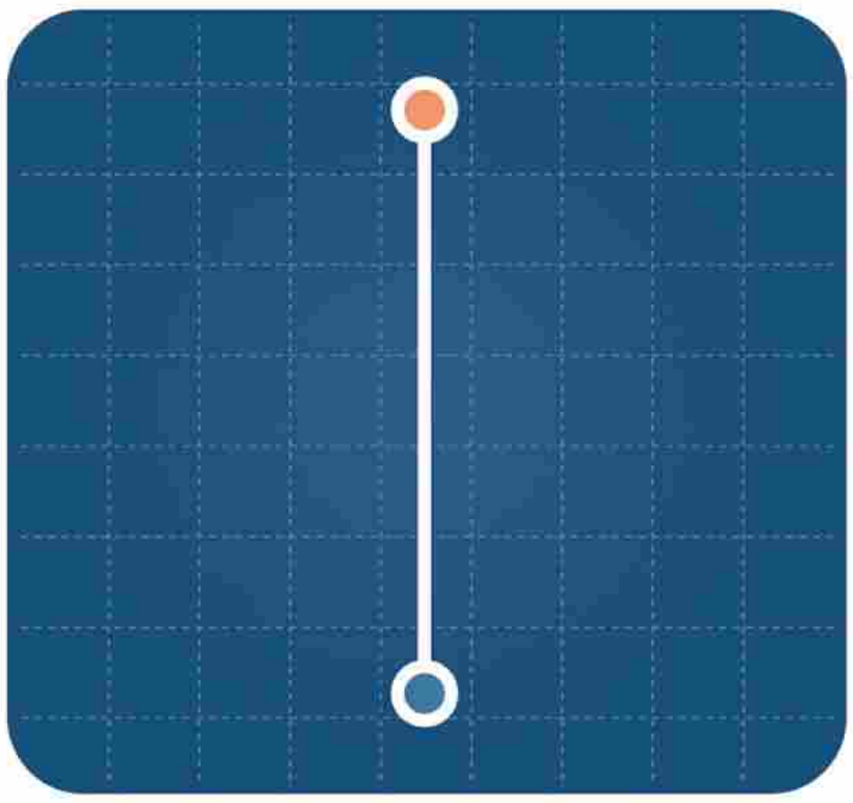
OF COURSE.

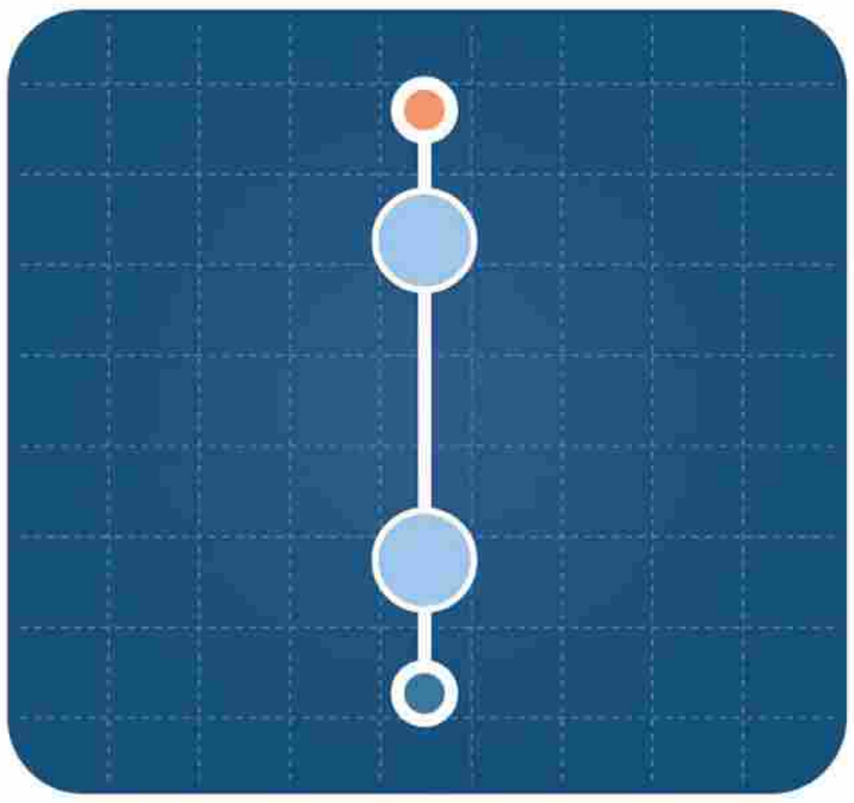
IT MIGHT BE BEST IF I START WITH THINGS WE ALL KNOW TO BE TRUE.

BE-DOOP!

"LIFE AND DEATH.

"THE BIRTH AND HEAT DEATH OF EVERYTHING LIE AT OPPOSITE ENDS ON THE TIMELINE OF THE UNIVERSE.



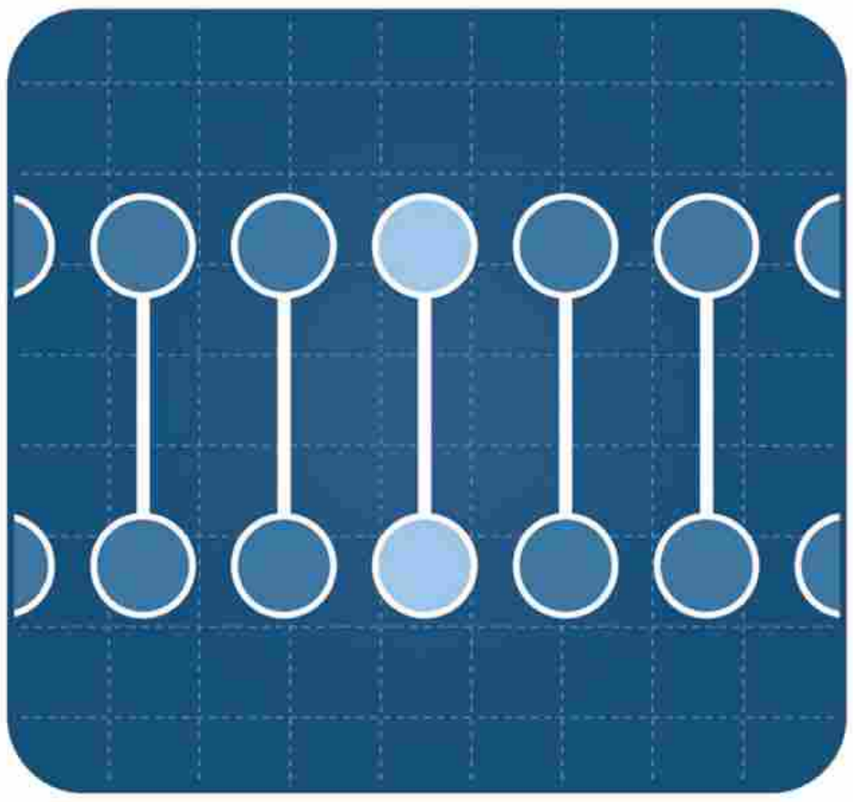


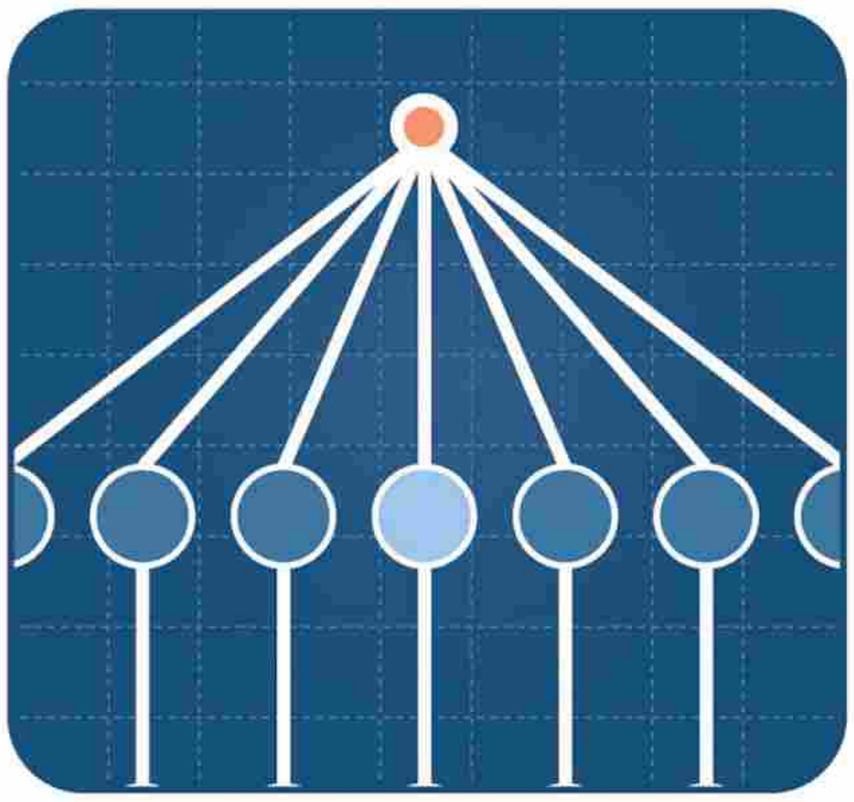
"THE BEGINNING AND END OF OUR EARTH ALSO EXISTS ON THIS TIMELINE AND, OF COURSE, FALLS WITHIN THESE TWO END POINTS.

"OUR WORLD WAS BORN AFTER THE UNIVERSE'S CREATION, AND OUR WORLD WILL DIE BEFORE THE UNIVERSE ENDS.

"WE ALSO KNOW THERE IS A MULTIVERSE OF REALITIES. AN INFINITE NUMBER OF EARTHS, INSIDE AN INFINITE NUMBER OF UNIVERSES, WHERE ANY MANNER OF DIVERGENT REALITY CAN EXIST.

"ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES...



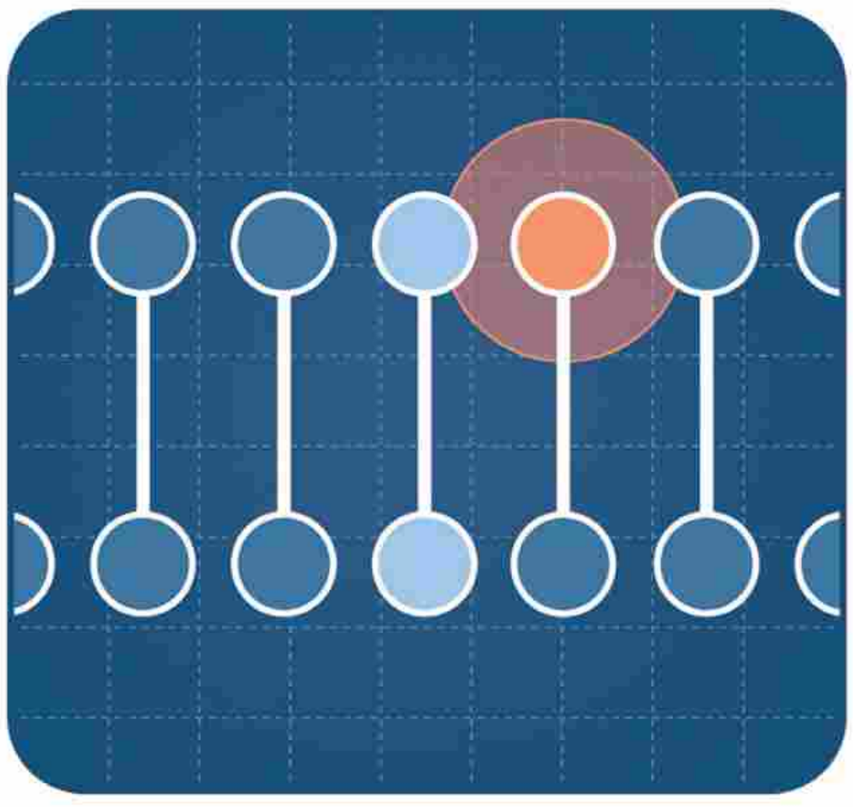


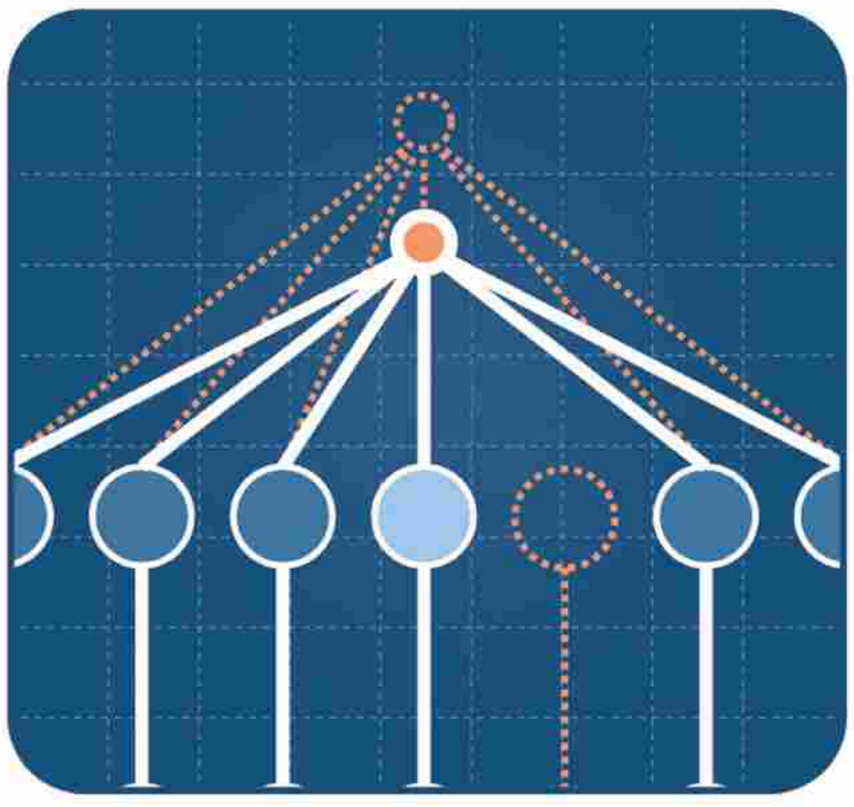
"HOWEVER, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER... ***EVERYTHING DIES.***

"SO, REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY REALITIES THERE ARE, EVENTUALLY THEY ALL END UP IN THE SAME PLACE AND IN THE SAME STATE. EXTINGUISHED AT THE END OF EVERYTHING.

"AND HERE'S WHERE OUR PROBLEM LIES.

"I'VE LEARNED THAT SOMEWHERE, ON ONE OF THESE EARTHS, AN ***EVENT*** OCCURRED THAT CAUSED THE EARLY DEATH OF ONE OF THESE UNIVERSES.





"THAT ***UNTIMELY, UNNATURAL*** EVENT THEN CAUSED A TINY CONTRACTION IN THE MULTIVERSE'S TIMELINE.

"NOW, EVERYTHING WOULD DIE EVER-SO-SLIGHTLY SOONER.

"IN ADDITION, THAT TINY CONTRACTION CAUSED TWO UNIVERSES TO SMASH TOGETHER AT THE *INCURSION POINT* OF THE INITIAL EVENT.

"AND THIS IS WHERE YOU REALLY WANT TO PAY ATTENTION... THAT *POINT* WAS *EARTH*.

"THEY TOUCHED, AND DESTROYED EACH OTHER--TAKING THEIR UNIVERSES WITH THEM--CAUSING YET ANOTHER CONTRACTION IN THE TIMELINE.

"WHICH IN TURN ACCELERATED THE SMASHING TOGETHER OF EVEN MORE EARTHS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE UNIVERSES.

"AND THAT'S WHAT T'CHALLA WITNESSED--ANOTHER EARTH COLLIDING WITH OUR EARTH."

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. IF THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED, HOW ARE WE HERE?

THE WOMAN--*THE BLACK SWAN*--USED A DEVICE TO DESTROY THE OTHER EARTH, PREVENTING IMPACT.

IS THAT REALLY WHAT SHE CALLS HERSELF?

YES.

WELL THAT'S... *JUST PERFECT,* AND FOREBODING AS HELL.

WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO STOP THIS.

A MULTIVERSAL APOCALYPTIC DEATH SCENARIO...SURE, I'D SAY IT'S A SITUATION THAT NEEDS HANDLING.

OUR PROBLEM IS THAT WE HAVE TOO MANY UNKNOWNS.

WHAT'S THE SOURCE OF THE COLLAPSE? CAN THE CHAIN REACTION BE STOPPED? CAN IT EVEN BE SLOWED DOWN?

WE DO HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY THAT THE BLACK SWAN HAD ON HER PERSON.

THIS INCLUDES THE TRIGGER MECHANISM TO WHATEVER DESTROYED THE OTHER PLANET, SO THERE'S--

LET ME STOP THIS CONVERSATION RIGHT HERE.

WE ARE GOING TO HANDLE THIS EXACTLY LIKE WE NORMALLY WOULD.

WE WILL PREPARE, GATHER INTELLIGENCE, AND WHEN THE NEXT EPISODE OCCURS, USE THAT INFORMATION TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO WIN.

BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT WE DO.

THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE THAT WON'T WORK, CAP.

WE WON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME.

WHY NOT?

ACCORDING TO THE SWAN, THERE ARE CONSTANTS.

CALL THEM *RULES.*

"AS I STATED EARLIER, THE TIME WHEN TWO EARTHS BEGIN TO COLLIDE IS CALLED AN ***INCURSION***, AND EVERY SINGLE ONE IS EXACTLY THE SAME.

"BEFORE THEY BEGIN, THERE IS A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF HARMONIC ALIGNMENT, WHICH IS WHAT ALLOWS THE TWO EARTHS TO EXIST IN THE SAME SPACE.

"AT THE END OF THOSE 8 HOURS, WHAT FOLLOWS IS EXTREMELY SIMPLE. EITHER BOTH WORLDS ARE DESTROYED, ALONG WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE UNIVERSES, AS THEY SMASH TOGETHER...

"THE SINGLE BIT OF GOOD NEWS HERE IS THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DETECT THIS, AND THEREFORE CREATE AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM. SO, AT LEAST WE'LL KNOW WHEN ONE IS COMING.

"REGARDLESS, ONCE THE ***INCURSION*** ACTUALLY BEGINS, OUR TIME TO ACT GROWS VERY SHORT...

"AS EACH ***INCURSION*** LASTS EXACTLY 8 HOURS.

"...OR ONE EARTH IS DESTROYED, WHICH ELIMINATES THE INCURSION POINT BETWEEN THE TWO UNIVERSES, SPARING THEM BOTH.

"EIGHT HOURS. ONE EVENT--TWO POSSIBLE OUTCOMES."

BE-DOOP!

NOW, ADMITTEDLY, THE BLACK SWAN COULD BE LYING--I DID NOT HAVE THAT MUCH TIME WITH HER AND I DEFINITELY THINK SHE'S LEAVING SOME THINGS OUT--BUT BIOMETRICS SHOWED NO SIGNS OF OUTRIGHT DECEPTION.

AND, OF COURSE, THERE'S THE MINOR POINT THAT SHE APPEARED TO DESTROY THE OTHER WORLD, THEREBY SPARING OURS AND SAVING HERSELF.

SO, FOR NOW, HER STORY CHECKS OUT.

EIGHT HOURS. THAT'S ALL WE'LL HAVE.

T'CHALLA?

NOW ALL OF YOU UNDERSTAND.

I DON'T ASK FOR THE COUNSEL OF OTHER MEN--I DON'T NEED IT. I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CAPABLE OF MAKING THE IMPOSSIBLE DECISION ON MY OWN. BUT THIS--IT IS BEYOND ME OR ANY SINGLE ONE OF US.

SO HERE WE ARE, AN UNHOLY ALLIANCE THAT JUST MIGHT BE THE EARTH'S ONLY HOPE.

HELP ME SAVE MY PEOPLE. HELP ME SAVE OUR WORLD--AND THE VERY *UNIVERSE* ITSELF.

NOT UNIVERSE. *UNIVERSES.*

ALL OF THEM. ALONG WITH ALL THE TWISTED, BROKEN AND SHATTERED REALMS IN BETWEEN.

THE SCALE OF THIS...IS INFINITE, AND THE STAKES...

I FEAR THE HARD CHOICES WE WILL SOON FACE, MY FRIENDS.

HARD CHOICES. *HA!*

OPEN YOUR EYES. THE WOMAN YOU HAVE IN CAPTIVITY DESTROYED AN ENTIRE WORLD--EXACTLY WHAT DO YOU THINK LIES ON THE PATH BEFORE US?

THE OCEANS HAVE TURNED TO BLOOD.

THE QUESTION YOU HAVE TO ASK IS, WHO HERE WOULD KILL TO SAVE THEIR WORLD?

RRRUUMMBBBLEE

GENTLEMEN. IF WE LOSE OUR HEADS--IF WE LOSE OUR ABILITY TO THINK CLEARLY, THEN WE HAVE NO HOPE.

WE HAVE A PROBLEM THAT DEMANDS A PERFECT SOLUTION.

TO FIND THAT, WE NEED TIME, AND WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITHOUT TETHER, WHICH MEANS SECRECY.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M SAYING THIS, BUT AS ABHORRENT AS IT IS...

IF THIS IS THE END OF EVERYTHING, THEN PERHAPS IT'S BEST FOR EVERYTHING TO REMAIN ON THE TABLE WHILE WE SEARCH FOR AN ANSWER.

ANTHONY... WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?

THESE ARE NOT THINGS LIGHTLY SAID, CAPTAIN. WE ARE--

NO.

I WILL NOT TOLERATE--I WILL NOT ALLOW--ANY TALK OF THE NECESSITY OF NECESSARY EVIL.

I HAVE SPENT MY LIFE ON THAT LINE AND EVERY TIME I'VE SEEN SOMEONE CROSS IT, DEATH AND HORROR AND SHAME WAS WHAT FOLLOWED.

SO I REFUSE TO ENTERTAIN IT...

ESPECIALLY WHEN WE DON'T HAVE TO.

OH?

REMEMBER?

WE HAVE SOMETHING BETTER... WE JUST HAVE TO BE WILLING TO USE IT.

WE WOULD NEED ALL SIX OF THE GEMS TO BE SURE.

CHARLES XAVIER IS DEAD, AND THE LOCATION OF THE *MIND GEM* LOST WITH HIM.

NO. WE CAN USE THE FIVE WE HAVE TO FIND HIS--THE STONES *WANT* TO BE TOGETHER.

BE-DOOP

SO WE AGREE?

WE REASSEMBLE THE INFINITY GAUNTLET?

YES.

ANTHONY, T'CHALLA AND I CAN BEGIN CONSTRUCTING THE *INCURSION* EARLY WARNING SYSTEM.

WHILE NAMOR, BLACK BOLT AND I WILL FIND XAVIER'S GEM.

OKAY. GOOD.

NOW...I WANT EVERYONE TO LOOK AT ME.

YES, THIS IS MASSIVE. YES, IT IS *NIGHT*.

BUT REMEMBER, WE SHAPE THE WORLD... IT DOES NOT SHAPE US...

"IF WE DO NOT WAVER, WE CANNOT FAIL.

"YOU JUST HAVE TO BELIEVE.

"BELIEVE IN THE CAUSE...

"BELIEVE IN EACH OTHER...

"THIS IS ALL GOING TO WORK OUT.

"I KNOW IT."

LATER.

CAP AND THE OTHERS ARE PREPARING TO LEAVE--TONY HAS BEGUN ASSEMBLING THE EARLY WARNING DEVICE.

WELL, THEN...

IT APPEARS EVERYTHING'S GOING TO WORK OUT FINE...

BUT WE KNOW BETTER THAN THAT, DON'T WE?

INFINITE WORLDS. INFINITE OUTCOMES.

IF THIS COULD EASILY BE STOPPED...IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN STOPPED.

RIGHT. THE PROBLEM IS SYSTEMIC--INHERENT TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSE--AND UNABLE TO BE CORRECTED, OR...

GO ON.

WHICH MEANS THERE ARE TWO *MORE LIKELY* POSSIBILITIES....

IT'S NOT. AND SOMETHING IS ACTIVELY WORKING TOWARDS THE DEATH OF EVERYTHING.

REED... WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO IF THIS PLAN DOESN'T WORK?

TONY WAS RIGHT.

WE NEED TIME, AND WE HAVE NONE. WE NEED CHOICES...SO *ALL POSSIBLE OPTIONS* MUST STAY ON THE TABLE.

WE WILL TRY EVERY GOOD AND RIGHTEOUS SOLUTION WE CAN.

AND IF THOSE DON'T WORK?

THEN WE TEACH OURSELVES TO DO THE UNTHINKABLE...

IT *BREAKS HOPE--IT CRUSHES* WHAT MAKES US DECENT AND *STEALS* WHAT LITTLE HONOR REMAINS.

YOU HAVE... *NO IDEA* WHAT IS COMING.

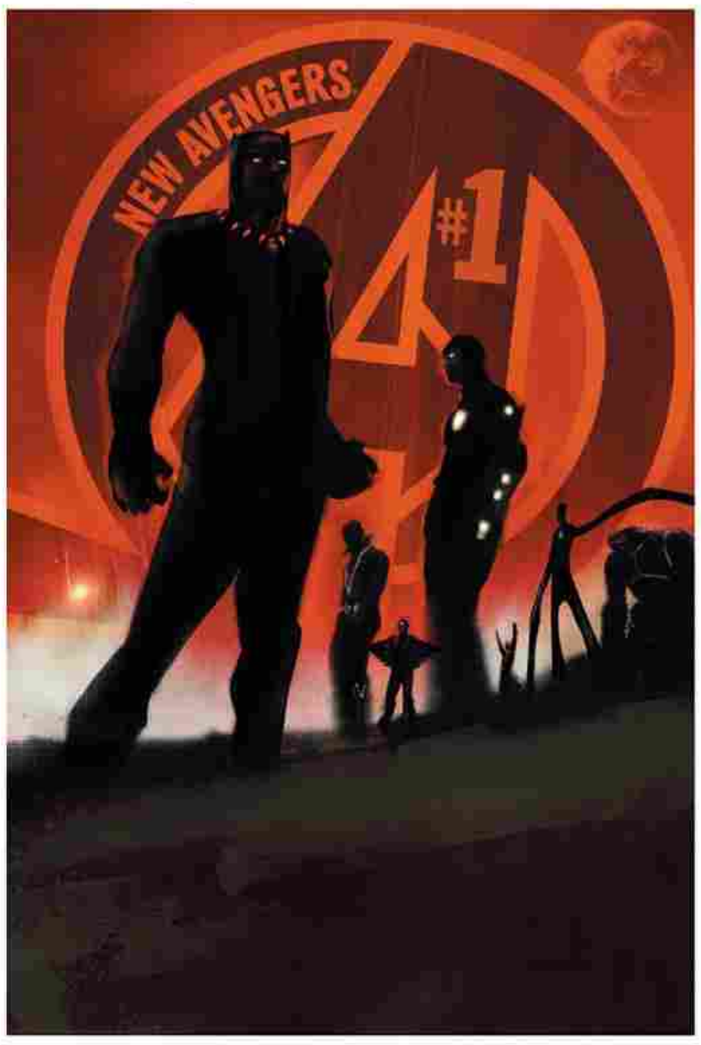
WE HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO DESTROY A WORLD.

NEW AVENGERS

THE ASSEMBLY!

YOUR ONE-STOP NEWS SOURCE FOR ALL THINGS AVENGERS!

The hits just keep on coming with no sign of abating, and this month is no exception! The big story for January is the relaunch of **NEW AVENGERS**, now in the hands of scribe Jonathan Hickman and illustrator Steve Epting! Last time these guys got together, they killed the Human Torch and reinvented the Fantastic Four—so you can just imagine what they have in store for the Black Panther and the mysterious, clandestine Illuminati! It's only the end of not just our world, but every world—and it's coming your way twice this month to kick the series off in style!



Also back in the spotlight this month is **YOUNG AVENGERS**, getting its own sparkly new first issue (with an in-demand variant by Scott Pilgrim's Bryan Lee O'Malley!) But this isn't quite the Young Avengers that you know—creators Kieron Gillen, Jamie McKelvie, Mike Norton and Matthew Wilson have mixed in some new faces along with the old! So be on the lookout for Loki, Marvel Boy, and Miss America as well as Hulkling, Wiccan and Hawkeye—in **YOUNG AVENGERS #1**!

One of the best things about being in this business is getting letters like this one!

Dear Marvel,

The first Marvel comic I got was the Avengers. I really liked it so I started getting more. I love to draw the Marvel super heroes and they've inspired me to make my own super hero team. For this drawing, I decided to make the faces out of plasticine for a more 3-D effect. I hope you like it. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Humphrey Hamma
Portland, OR

Brilliant work, Humphrey! Thanks for sharing it with us!

We're sorry if it seems like we're beating a dead horse, but we're just so knocked out by the response to the letter we printed a few months ago from Elizabeth Snee about her injured husband that we feel like we just have to share the good vibes with everyone! Among those that offered to send care packages of comics were Scott Randel, Zac Sutton, Stephen Davidson, Rachel Ward, Joan M. McHugh, Derek Callow, Joe Gentile, Santana Arjune, John Voulieris, Michael P. Falcone, and Borja Alcaraz, heroes all! Know that they have been awarded the Imperial Crest of No-Prizedom for their gallant efforts on behalf of our injured comrade, with our thanks!

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AVENGERS TITLES ON SALE

UNCANNY AVENGERS #4
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